

SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Keysborough Secondary College.

Phone 03 9798 1877 –

Smoking causes an estimated 20% of the nation's cancer disease burden each year and smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer.

In Australia, 90% of lung cancer cases are estimated to be a result of smoking.

Smoking can also cause 15 other cancer types, including oral cavity, larynx,

f enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within 4 metres of school entrances.

The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- f anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
- f all activities that take place on school premises including sports, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes

Keysborough Secondary College will communicate the smoking and vaping ban to:

- f all Department employees
- f parents or carers via the school newsletter
- f new students and parents or carers during the enrolment process

Keysborough Secondary College Principals will:

- f ensure that the whole school community understands that smoking is banned on school premises and within 4 metres of school entrances
- f remind the school community that smoking is banned at school sanctioned events held off school premises
- f encourage Department employees who require support complying with the ban to use the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and contact [Convergent International \(1800 337 068\)](https://www.convergentinternational.com.au)
- f if necessary, arrange training workshops with [Quit Victoria \(03 9635 5529\)](https://www.quitvictoria.org.au) on how to support staff and young people to quit
- f if advice is required about the drug education policy, curriculum learning strategies and the process of responding to a young person who has been smoking at school refer to the smoke free schools resources at the [Better Health Channel](https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/betterhealth/channel/section/123/section/123)
- f make tobacco education information available

Vaping and Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are Banned:

- f It is illegal to obtain, possess or use e-cigarettes, or their cartridges, which contain nicotine in Victoria. On this basis students, teachers and employees of the Department are banned from possessing or using e-cigarettes, or their cartridges, containing nicotine on school grounds.
- f It is illegal in Victoria to obtain, possess or use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine.

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- f Drug Education Policy.

RELATED DET POLICIES

- f [Smoking Ban Policy](#)
- f [Health Care Needs Policy](#)

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- f [Education and Training Reform Act 2006 \(Victoria\)](#)
- f [Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 \(Victoria\)](#)
- f [Tobacco Act 1987 \(Victoria\)](#)
- f [The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 \(Victoria\)](#)

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our College community in the following ways:

- f Available publicly on our school's website
- f Included in staff induction processes
- f Included on our Staff Intranet
- f Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- f Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- f Included in transition and enrolment packs
- f Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- f Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed